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OBJECTIVES

HUFASST was begun in 1996 with a mission of conducting research for the Air Force directed at improving the fault-tolerant ability of mission critical systems for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C⁴I). At the HUFASST center we recognize that modern C⁴I software systems are often comprised of heterogeneous components built over time with different programming languages and by different development teams. The components of these systems come from many places, such as local and remote objects, subsystems, reused components, COTS products, databases of various types, graphical user interfaces, and more. Subsequently, part of the HUFASST research program is focused on fault tolerant issues involving C⁴I systems in distributed environments. The avoidance of single points of failure in distributed, component-based systems was emphasized. The HUFASST research team continues to build and maintain a laboratory environment where software fault-tolerance research can be conducted using several hardware and software platforms.

Another major goal of the HUFASST Center is to develop and maintain a quality multidisciplinary research program that focuses on issues related to fault-tolerant distributed systems for C⁴I. The Center seeks to add to the body of knowledge in the area of fault-tolerant systems and to develop methods and tools to positively impact the life cycle of such systems. In addition, the Center attracts and trains minority engineers who can impact on the future technological needs of the Air Force (AF), the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), and the nation.

In the first three years, HUFAST researchers performed fundamental work in software engineering, especially reuse and reliability, in simulation of distributed systems, and distributed geographical databases. In the latter three years the efforts of this project were directed toward more technical objectives building on research findings from this earlier work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In keeping with the primary objective of the grant, the HUFAST research team designed and developed tools to assist in the development of component-based, fault-tolerant C⁴I systems. During the first two years of this effort the HUFAST research program focused on fault-tolerant issues involving C⁴I systems in distributed environments. The work researched fundamental problems in software engineering, with special emphasis on those problems most common to avionics. This period provided the basis for the middle two years where the research emphasized more technical results. Further these middle two years allowed us to apply our earlier results and direct our efforts more towards issues of fault-tolerance in targeted heterogeneous applications. The avoidance of single points of failure in distributed, component-based systems was emphasized. The primary purpose of our research was realized during the latter two years of the project with the creation of a Software Development Kit (SDK) comprised of methods and tools to assist the developers of fault-tolerant, component-based software for avionics and aerospace.

Early Years

During this period the research team developed models and methods that reduced the number of residual faults remaining within programs. Also, we researched the efficiency of techniques used to reduce this number. Among the methods studied were: formal methods, fault injection, assertions, exceptions and exception handlers, testing techniques, and variations in review techniques. The result is a metrics-based modeling technique that is useful during different stages of the software life cycle to improve the fault-tolerance and reliability of software systems. Much of this effort was focused on validation of a metric used for measurement of potential interaction between source code modules. This metric, called the BVA metric, is based on the number of data elements passed between program subunits and the type of these data elements. The BVA metric was presented publicly at the IEEE-sponsored conference COMPASS'97 and details of the metric were reported in the annual progress report.

Another noteworthy accomplishment during this period was the EDAT software reliability growth tool. It is now in its third generation and has been applied to several sets of industrial software reliability data for calibration. In order to reduce complexity of the resulting analyses, research is also underway in the use of neural nets to improve the visualization of software reliability data.

During years 2 and 3 we focused some of our efforts into the area of supercomputers. Supercomputers are widely used in many of the real time engineering applications like

computational fluid dynamics, weather forecasting, communication, graphical animation, simulation and physical modeling. The computational power requirements for today's real time applications are enormous and a programmer or user needs to know the computational power capabilities of such Supercomputers. Thus, it is necessary to evaluate the performance of the Supercomputers to keep track of its usage and, thereby, to make appropriate machine selection for implementing the desired application. The supercomputer performance measurements involve study, analysis and evaluation of the entire system including hardware and software. The accomplishment of this research was the Linear Algebra PACKage (LAPACK) benchmark technique. The technique produced a primary source of routines for solving a large number of applications hence it was taken as the standard for testing parallel machines. The results from this study showed that the CRAY C90 machine was about 45 times faster than the KSR-1 machine in executing the Cholesky factorization routine. In terms of the MFLOPS rating, the CRAY C90 machine has shown a peak performance of 4.85 GFLOPS, whereas the KSR-1 has shown the peak performance of 107.78 MFLOPS.

Middle Years

During this period the research was influenced heavily by the revolutionary changes in the software industry due to the influence of Java and the Internet. We are using a systematic approach to evaluate the effect of Java and the Internet on fault-tolerant software development. This work is in addition to our work with other programming languages and with language-independent features.

Per the suggestion of the contract manager, we have revised our research approach to emphasize technical results. Subsequently, we began to concentrate our attention on issues of fault-tolerance in component-based heterogeneous applications as it relates to Command, Control, Communications Computers and Intelligence (C⁴I). Toward this end, we have put in place an Air Force-relevant test bed of hardware and applications to support our research and experimentation. Our long-term goal to enhance our capabilities in distributed system fault-tolerant research has been furthered through new relationships (corporate and government), the development of a HUFast research library, and the upgrading of our research lab. Our home page <http://www.hufast.howard.edu/> has furthered our technology transfer objectives.

Last Two Years

The later work on this grant focused on researching NASA's Integrated Test and Operations System (ITOS) that is used to control its suite of small satellites. We were granted permission from NASA to use the WIRE spacecraft, and its command and control system ITOS, as a test bed for our research.

After being granted permission to use and access to NASA's WIRE spacecraft and its command and control system, the Integrated Test and Operations System (ITOS), we made major strides in the documenting and understanding this sophisticated software. We have analyzed and documented this system, at the source code level, and worked closely with NASA representatives to devise a strategy for (1) distributing its software modules and (2)

making ITOS more fault-tolerant. Our framework design is based on a distributed object model. Also, we have installed and experimented with several CORBA ORBs and we have researched other products (e.g. UC's Eternaltm) to assist in making ITOS more fault-tolerant.

Through weekly trips to NASA and visits from NASA personnel, we designed and developed a hybrid version of ITOS that will be operationally equivalent and fault-tolerant. We are utilizing this hybrid version of ITOS to prove our approaches and to develop new methods/tools for designing and building software for fault-tolerant C⁴I systems.

One noteworthy result of this research is a new method for the application of object-oriented, fault tolerance to NASA applications. This approach is centered on a cohesive software object, which bundles application data, measures of the object's reliability and methods for calculating its reliability. To assist ITOS in handling faulty data, HUFAST researchers have developed an approach for self-calculating risk metric data objects (SCRMDO). The use of SCRMDO for fault tolerance in a mission-critical system was illustrated by simulating its use in the ITOS telemetry subsystem. Another result has been the development of a final version of the HUFAST Documentation Assistant. This tool has been introduced to NASA representatives and it will help them build the next version of ITOS and other software packages.

We researched the use of this metric to indicate the risk of inaccuracy due to unreliable algorithms calculating the application data value, the risk of data corruption during transmission and the risk of data corruption due to malicious activities. One benefit of the approach is its broad applicability due to its use of a risk metric that encompasses faults with diverse origins. Another benefit of these techniques is their modularity since self-calculating data objects can be modified in either an actual system or an executable system model without requiring changes to other software components. Further, this approach is robust since decision mechanism algorithms can compensate for the faults.

Our research team designed and developed a hybrid version of ITOS that is operationally equivalent and close to 100% fault-tolerant. In future years, we will utilize this hybrid ITOS to prove our approaches and to develop new methods/tools for designing and building software for fault-tolerant C⁴I systems.

We conducted research investigations in the area of software reliability modeling with emphasis on model improvements. We are continuing this work with emphasis on model improvements.

Toward these goals, we are developing maintenance and user documentation for ITOS. These efforts will not only give our team an intimate understanding of the ITOS software, it will also provide use with guidance in our task of distributing ITOS using EternalTM and CORBA.

The HUFAST research team studied, documented and modified additional representative aerospace applications to be used as test beds for F/T techniques and we added new test bed components. We further enhanced our test bed to support research in fault-tolerant distributed aerospace software by upgrading software and internet tools to facilitate research

The primary goal of this research is to address the fault-tolerance of the Jini environment by making the lookup service more robust. Fault-tolerance will be achieved through the use of redundancy in the lookup service. We also introduce the use of an additional protocol that will handle the replication of lookup services, and which will mask any faults in the network from the user to ensure continued service in the presence of failures. Lastly, we will provide an application that manages lookup services as active or passive replicas.

Software reliability and dependability of CORBA applications constitutes a major problem since the software complexity increases the likely-hood of software design errors. Although there is much on going work to provide ORB-level fault-tolerance, there is not much work on techniques for constructing reliable and dependable applications across the ORB. The primary accomplishment of this research was an object-oriented design pattern for constructing reliable CORBA applications using software design fault-tolerance.

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Systems Command of the Marine Corps visited HUFAST, 1 October 1996

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Col. Jan Cervený visited HUFASST, 6 November, 1996

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HUFASST representatives visited Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 5 August 1996

HUFASST representatives visited Sandia Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4 December, 1996

HUFASST representatives visited with Phil Message, Stanford Technologies, Inc. (STEL) 7501 Forbes Blvd off of Greenbelt in Seabrook, MD to get a demo of the DSDS software, 11 December 1996

HUFASST representatives participated in a three day project meeting with SAIC, 22 – 25 January, 1997

HUFASST representatives participated in a three day project meeting with SAIC in Daytona, Florida, 25 – 27 March 1997

HUFASST representatives Attended the Fifth Annual Industry Briefing on Modeling and Simulation by NTSA/DMSO, May 22 - 23, 1997

HUFASST co-sponsored the 1997 ADMI Conference in Washington, DC, 29 March – June 2, 1997

HUFASST representatives visited Air Force base in Rome New York, 9 June 1997

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Consultative and Advisory Functions to Other Laboratories and Agencies

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NEW DISCOVERIES, INVENTIONS, OR PATENT DISCLOSURES

None.

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None.